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SUBJECT: MODE - AGRICULTURE/APHIS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH  
RESIDENT VETERINARY ADVISORY POSITIONS

1. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT (USDA) ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH  
INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) IS PROPOSING TO ESTABLISH ONE  
GS-13 POSITION EACH IN GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS TO  
PROVIDE RESIDENT VETERINARY ADVISORS TO HOST GOVERNMENT'S  
MINISTRIES.

2. SUMMARY OF APHIS JUSTIFICATION FOLLOWS: 1968 PUBLIC LAW  
90-388 AUTHORIZED SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO COOPERATE  
WITH THE COUNTRIES LOCATED BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND MEXICO IN  
PREVENTING FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE, RINDERPEST, AND OTHER  
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EXOTIC DISEASES. AS A RESULT, APHIS CURRENTLY HAS AT LEAST

ONE RESIDENT VETERINARIA; IN EACH COUNTRY IN CENTRAL AMERICA EXCEPT HONDURAS AND GUATEMALA. TDY COVERAGE OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES HAS NOT PROVEN SATISFACTORY. BOTH HOST GOVERNMENTS THEREFORE HAVE REQUESTED ASSIGNMENT OF RESIDENT APHIS VETERINARIANS TO ASSIST THEM IN DEVELOPING A SUCCESSFUL FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE PREVENTION, SURVEILLANCE, AND DETECTION PROGRAM, ALONG WITH PLANS FOR RAPID ERADICATION, SHOULD ANY OF THESE DISEASES APPEAR. AN AMENDMENT TO OUR

1972 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH HONDURAS (WHICH IMPLEMENTED USG ASSISTANCE AS AUTHORIZED BY PL 90-388), NOW IN THE FINAL STAGES OF COMPLETION, REQUESTS THE SERVICES OF A FULL-TIME VETERINARY ADVISOR. A SIMILAR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH GUATEMALA HAS CLEARED THEIR GOVERNMENT AND WILL BE READY FOR JOINT SIGNATURES SHORTLY. BESIDES ASSISTING THE TWO COUNTRIES IN DEALING WITH THE CONSTANT THREAT OF EXOTIC DISEASES, APHIS PARTICIPATION UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS WILL GIVE ADDED PROTECTION TO THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED STATES.

3. ACCORDING TO USDA, THE TWO AGREEMENTS WILL MAKE HOST GOVERNMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR WORK-RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT (OFFICE SPACE, CLERICAL HELP, IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL). SALARIES, ASSIGNMENT TRAVEL, HOUSING, ANY ALLOWANCES ARE USG RESPONSIBILITY. USDA ANTICIPATES ONLY MODEST ADMINISTRATIVE DEPENDENCE ON EMBASSY. AS USG EMPLOYEE, EACH OFFICER WOULD COME UNDER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF AMBASSADOR. THEY WOULD EXPECT COMPARABLE STATUS WITH OTHER USG PERSONNEL OF EQUIVALENT RANK.

4. FOR GUATEMALA, WE UNDERSTAND APHIS ALSO HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION A PROJECT TO ADD 2 US, 18 FN FOR FRUIT FLY PREVENTION. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED MODE REQUEST FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE COM COMMENTS CONCERNING APHIS PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ANY EXPLANATION FOR INADEQUACY OF TDY COVERAGE HERETOFORE, EXTENT TO WHICH HOST GOVERNMENT IS REALLY COMMITTED TO MOUNT DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM, AND ITS MOTIVES, WHETHER EXPORT OF MEAT PRODUCTS TO US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS A FACTOR, AND WHETHER US ROLE SHORT OF ASSIGNING RESIDENT VETERINARY OFFICER COULD BE EFFECTIVE. IF RESIDENT OFFICER IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR HOW LONG WILL HIS SERVICES BE REQUIRED? WE NOTE NO REFERENCE TO NEED FOR THESE OFFICERS IN RECENT CASPS. KISSINGER

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